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Report of Medical Officer of Health.

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TO THE FILEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

In presenting my Report for the past year, 1910, I beg to inform you that seventy four births were registered in Filey during 1910—forty two males and thirty two females, this gives a birth-rate for the year of twenty two decimal four.

Forty one deaths occurred during the year—twenty two females and nineteen males, this gives a death-rate for the year of twelve decimal four.

The deaths in the district occurred at the following ages :

Over 80	Over 70	Over 60	Between 60 & 40	Between 40 & 10	Between 10 & 1	Under 1 year
6	13	8	4	2	4	4

During the year two sudden deaths gave rise to Coroner's inquests.

During the year five notifiable cases occurred.

During the season months not a single notifiable case occurred, no typhoid case has occurred during the year.

At present there is no provision for the isolation of infectious disease. I am informed that the Council are sending representatives to the County Council Committee which is considering the question of providing an Isolation Hospital for the District, and that the County Council's proposals to provide two hospitals for the East Riding will meet with this Council's support.

I think it would be to the public benefit if all local authorities included in their notifiable list, tuberculosis, measles and whooping cough.

In relation to the new Act with regard to the Housing of the Working Classes, I should advise the Council to begin with a report on the condition of the houses situated in Providence Place and Reynold's Yard, Mitford Street.

The Water Supply for the town during the year has been plentiful, and excellent in quality, and the pressure having been considerably increased by the improvements recently carried out, the supply is now all that can be desired.

The water is pumped from an artesian well, the borehole being sunk into the calcareous grit which underlies the boulder clay. It extends to a depth of 365 feet from the surface of the ground, over a hundred feet being through rock. The last analysis was most satisfactory.

The five Slaughter-houses in our district have been visited twice monthly, often when slaughtering was being done. We have never found any tuberculous disease in the animals slaughtered. Seeing the proximity of some of the slaughter-houses to the dwelling houses, the provision of a public abattoir would be an advantage. This is a matter which might receive the Council's consideration. There is no officer with a special certificate for meat inspection.

The Milk supply for the town is excellent, the condition of the dairies and milk shops satisfactory.

The Sewerage and drainage of the town during the year has been satisfactory and sufficient; the outfall being into the sea below low water mark.

The Scavenging and removal of house refuse is carried out by the Council, and the work has been well and efficiently done, giving rise to no complaints, the refuse is carted to a safe distance from the town and meets with a ready sale for agricultural purposes.

I have inspected the Workshops during the year, and found them well ventilated and no overcrowding.

The Sanitary Inspector and myself have regularly inspected the Elementary Schools and found their sanitation excellent and their water supply good. The children are medically examined periodically by a medical officer appointed by the County Council.

I append statistics showing the causes of death during the year. There has been little illness during the year, and the death rate is a satisfactory one.

Statistics of Infantile Mortality and Infectious Disease are both of a low average.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. THOMAS HAWORTH.

